Town of Georgetown, IN

Ordinance # G-10-17

BUILDER LANDSCAPING RELIEF ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCEL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA ("GEORGETOWN"), THAT:

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Town Council ("Town Council") desires to encourage and support new home construction in Georgetown, which is economically vital to the success of the community.

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to set equitable charges for sewers that reflect actual usage and to promote the use of landscaping and vegetative covering to beautify neighborhoods and to reduce soil erosion and run off.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has provided relief for sewer charges where it can be established that additional water usage, during summer months, is not related treated sewage, based upon customer histories; however, customer histories are not available for new construction homes.

WHEREAS, homebuilders have been paying for sewer services for new construction homes based upon water consumption that is, in some instances, related to landscaping maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

- 1. The owner of any new construction, residential, single family, home, shall be entitled to a sewer relief credit for water usage that exceeds 1,000 gallons per month.
- 2. This credit shall be available until such home is occupied, and the owner who receives credit shall notify Georgetown Utilities in writing within three (3) business days after the earlier of: (i) the transfer, sale, lease, or license of the home to an occupant or (ii) the date such home is occupied.
- 3. If the owner receiving credit fails to timely notify Georgetown Utilities of such occupancy, Georgetown shall recover from the credited owner, the entire amount of any relief credit received on the customer's bill ("recovered credits") for the home.

4. Georgetown shall not issue any building permit or certificate of occupancy to an owner receiving credit, if such owner has any unpaid recovered credits or any delinquent sewer bill.

So ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, this

day of 2010.

BILLY STEWART, PRESIDENT

MIKE MILLS, MEMBER

AARON STRIEGEL, MEMBER

EVERETT PULLEN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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